

PASTOR'S NOTES

GIVING IN 2009

In 2008, the total giving to Sunnyside (tithe, church budget, building fund, youth pastor, etc.) was \$627, 751. I was blown away to learn this week that the total giving in 2009 was \$1,051, 212. That is an increase of 67%! In the midst of a bad economy, no less. Tithe increased by 5%, from \$269,815 in '08 to \$283,032 in '09. Church budget contributions increased by 6%, from \$217,161 to \$230,474. And, contributions to the building went from \$45,782 in 2008 to \$453,651 in 2009, an increase of 891%. Wow!

I thank God and the Sunnyside congregation for being wonderfully generous.

CREDIT CARDS

Effective January 1, the conference is now charging us 6% on donations made via credit card. That means that any donation made to the church using a credit card will be reduced by 6%. That is an expensive processing fee, so we are currently looking into doing the processing ourselves so that the fee will be around 2%. In the meantime, if you want to make credit card donations without the 6% fee, we encourage you to donate through the church website, <http://sunnyside.adventistfaith.org/>. The processing fee there is 1.5%.

SERMON SERIES

The Sabbath, I am kicking off a new sermon series on the life of Jacob. While Jacob was a patriarch, he certainly wasn't a saint. He lived an interesting life with lots of highs and lows. Because he was so human, there is a lot in Jacob's life that mirrors our own. I'm looking forward to studying his life with you and applying the important lessons we can learn from it.

FAA CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Sunnyside is allotted 24 delegates for the Fresno Adventist Academy Constituency Meeting on January 24. I'd you like to be a delegate, please contact (dennis@sunnysidesda.org) or Bud Dickerson(Bud.Dickerson@fresno.edu).

RENOVATION UPDATE

The work crews have done just about all the work that can be done on our church without a building permit. Because we've made some minor changes to our building plans (moved the location of some doors, added a work room, stuff like that), we need to re-submit our drawings to the city for approval. Our architect and engineers have agreed to have their design revisions done on Friday, January 8 for resubmission to the city. According to Garry Clark, it is reasonable to hope for completion of the city review and a permit by the end of January.

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

**January 9, 2010
11:00 A.M.**

*“My Hope Is Built on
Nothing Less”*

Welcome
Pastor Dennis Ray

*“Great and Mighty”
“Lord, I Lift Your Name
on High”
“More Precious Than
Silver”*

Garden of Prayer
Jim Robison

Children’s Story
Todd Cornwell

Message
Pastor Ray

“Your Hands”
Rickard Family

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Benediction

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Adventurer Club 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletin-
staff@sunnysidesda.org 6:00 p.m.
Personnel Committee Meeting – Church
Office 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Church Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

SABBATH, JANUARY 16

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Youth at Monsters Ice Hockey Game

Sunset

<i>Tonight</i>	<i>Next Friday</i>
<i>4:58p.m.</i>	<i>5:05p.m.</i>

PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 16 — Pastor Ray

January 23 — Pastor Ray

January 30 — Pastor Cal

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

December Approved Budget	\$18,300.00
Amount Received	31,693.87
Over <i>(Short)</i>	12,793.87
YTD Approved Budget	\$219,600.00
Amount Received	230,474.64
Over <i>(Short)</i>	10,874.64
Youth Pastor Fund	\$38,245.64
Church Building Fund	\$420,517.95

This Week’s Offering


Local Conference Advance

YOUTH EVENTS

VESPERS THIS FRIDAY AT THE BURKHARTS’

Come join us at Vespers tomorrow night at the Burkhardt home.
For more info contact Pastor Cal (367-7026).

WHAT’S COMIN’ UP?

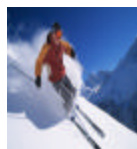
...IN JANUARY

- January 16 - Monsters Ice Hockey Game (tickets \$12)
- January 29 - Vespers at FAA
- January 30 - Youth Sabbath



...IN FEBRUARY

- February 5 - Vespers at Pastor Cal’s
- February 7 - Super Bowl Party at the Fords’
- February 11-15 - Annual Ski Trip - cost is \$225
- February 20 - Youth Social
- February 26 - Vespers at FAA



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

First Reading: Betty Warkentin from Dinuba. Jordan Williams from Fresno Westside. Sylvia Flores to Fresno Hispanic.



SCRAPBOOKING THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

Ladies, join us for an evening of fun, food, and scrapbooking, anytime between 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. The holidays are over and you have lots of pictures that need to be placed in albums. Don't know how? We're glad to teach you! A light supper is provided and, if you can bring a dessert to share, that would be great. We meet at the home of Karen Eckhart. Call 977-6940 if you need directions or have any questions.

SHAVER WEEKEND

Church in Shaver will be **August 21**. The email address for those wanting to reserve a campground is camped@sce.com and the web site or Camp Edison is www.sce.com/campedison.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in assisting with bulk mailings or other areas of general office help? We have various needs, and will provide training for each area of service. Come join us on Thursday, January 28, 10:30–Noon for orientation and a chance to explore ministry opportunities at Pregnancy Care Center. Registration is required. Call Carol or Janice at 237-0683 with questions, or to sign up for the orientation.

PEACE IN THE STORM

CCC 2010 Christian Women's Retreat **January 29–31** at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite and **February 5–7** at the Soquel Conference Center. Speakers for the Tenaya retreat are Shelley Quinn and Cathy Montague. Speakers for the Soquel retreat are Karen Lewis and Alvy Quispe. Weekend includes two nights lodging and vegetarian meals. For rates and details, or to register go online to ccc.adventist.org or call Pat Curtis at 642-2396.

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

The Adult Discussion Sabbath School Class has embarked on a 12-week study on Revelation. All are invited!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Daniel Bible Study for the Women's Group that meets at the Marsh home will resume **Wednesday** at 6:30 p.m. and pick up in chapter six.

FAA CONSTITUENCY MEETING

Fresno Adventist Academy Constituency Meeting that will be held on Sunday, **January 24** at 9:00 a.m. Doors will open and registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Those serving as delegates should check in no later than 8:45 a.m. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

FAA LIBRARY AUXILIARY

Fresno Adventist Academy announces the formation of a Library Auxiliary. We need volunteers to shelve, checkout, repair, and catalog books; monitor circulation; read stories; identify, pull and label leveled readers; and assist with book fairs. Skills needed: knowledge of library and computer systems, enjoy children, ability to create and manage a positive learning environment. Contact Mrs. Hoover at (425) 275-6156 or khoover@faa.org.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Experience "God and His Unfailing Love" with Janet Page at Ladies Night Out. Janet will present ideas for making your devotional life come alive, and be vibrant. Janet is the Prayer Ministries Coordinator and Women's Ministries Director for CCC as well as wife of the conference president. **Monday**, 7:00 p.m. Nancy Van Pelt's home. Call 325-2006 for information.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY
Building Lives Through Relationships...



Graciela Faiad & Richard Weiss

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Steve Cosner (1/11)
Ella Lee (1/12)
Karen Eckhart (1/14)
Mylinda Finney (1/14)
Bud Dickerson (1/15)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...

Benjamin & Connie
Flores (1/14)

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR I Hold Up My Life to You Now

by Rev. Ted Loder

Patient God,
the clock struck midnight
and I partied with a strange sadness in my heart,
confusion in my mind.

Now, I ask you to gather me,
for I realize

the storms of time have scattered me,
the furies of the year past have driven me,
many sorrows have scarred me,
many accomplishments have disappointed me,
much activity has wearied me,
and fear has spooked me
into a hundred hiding places,
one of which is pretended gaiety.

I'm sick of a string of "nice days."
What I want is passionate days,
wondrous days,
dangerous days,
blessed days,
surprising days.
What I want is you!

Patient God, I hold up my life to you now,
as much as I can,
as high as I can,
in this mysterious reach called prayer.

Help me not to let my life slip away from me.
Come close, lest I wobble and fall short.
It is not days or years I seek from you,
not infinity and enormity,
but small things and moments of awareness,
awareness that you are in what I am
and in what I have been indifferent to.

It is not new time I seek,
but new eyes,
a new heart,
and you, always you.

O Patient God,
make something new in me,
in this year,
for you, for others,
for the abundance of this life lived in your presence.

Amen.